1	2	3
7.	State Bank of Travancore	17218
8.	State Bank of Indore	9700
9.	Bank of Baroda	119367
10.	Allahabad Bank	55634
11.	Bank of India	112679
12.	Bank of Maharashtra	67703
13.	Canara Bank	213606
14.	Dena Bank	31538
15.	Indian Bank	72451
16.	Indian Overseas Bank	75170
17.	Central Bank of India	102963
18.	Union Bank of India	53231
19.	United Bank of India	61602
20.	UCO Bank	81635
21.	Syndicate Bank	86023
22.	Andhra Bank	39536
23.	Corporation Bank	27033
24.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	53
25.	Punjab & Sind Bank	27135
26.	New Bank of India	41103
27.	Vijaya Bank	50601
28.	Punjab National Bank	103322

Closure of Unviable branches of Nationalised Banks

3285. SHRI K. R. MALKANT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has directed the nationalised Banks to close down unviable branches;

(b) whether Central Bank of India has decided to close down 300 of its branches out of a total of 6000 branches;

(c) whether the Central Bank is terminating the services of 9000 of its 30,000 employees;

(d) what are the figures of branches closed and staff retrenched for the different nationlised banks, and

(e) what will be the total cots of the golden handshake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that during the MOU discussion held with public sector banks, the banks had agreed to close down certain number of unviable and loss making branches.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) The number of branches closed/ merged and proposed to be closed/ merged by various nationalised banks and the number of employees working in these branches, as reported by RBI, are indicated below:

Name of the Bank	As per MoU commitments 1993-94	No. of Branches closed/merged& proposed to be closed/merged	Employees
1. Andhra Bank	8	8	49
2. Bank of India	10	9	432
3. Bank of Maharashtra	10	11	129
4. Central Bank of India	10	7	135
5. Indian Overseas Bank	10	8	81
6. Syndicate Bank	11	8	289
7. United Bank of India	25	9	82
8. UCO Bank	20	29	314
TOTAL :	104	89	1511

(e) The closure of branches will not results in termination of services of any employee. The employees rendered surplus on account of the closure will be gainfully deployed in bank,s other branches.

Assistance to SSIs for obtaining ISO-9001 Certificates

3286. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance is provided by IDBI/World Bank to Small Scale Industries for obtaining ISO-9001 Series Certificates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any interest reduction on advances is allowed to SSI units which obtain ISO-9001 certificates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) had introduced in September 1994 a scheme for direct financial assistance to small scale industrial (SSI) units for acquisition of ISO-9000 series certificates in order to help SSI units to compete in the international market and increase their exports. SIDBI has sanctioned assistance aggregating Rs. 53.14 lakhs to 11 SSI units under the scheme.

(c) SIDBI has reported that assistance under the ISO scheme is provided at a rate of interest of 14.5% per annum.

Rate of interest on Saving Banks Accounts

3287. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rate of interest on the saving banks account and on the fixed deposits as on and how it compare in the preceding three years on the same date;

(b) whether there is any proposal to raise the rate of interest on the savings bank account keeping the rate of inflation in view; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) The table below given the present interest rate for savings bank accounts and domestic term deposit accounts:

(Per Cent Per Annum)

Interest Rate Applicable	Savings Deposits	Terms Deposits of 46 days to 3 years and above
At present effective April 18, 1995	4.5	Not exceeding 12.0
March 1995	4.5	Not exceeding 11.0
March 1994	5.0	Not exceeding 10.0
March 1993	6.0	Not exceeding 11.0
March 1992	5.0	46 days to less than 1 year 11.0 1 year to less than 3 years 12.0 3 years and above 13.0